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DOH CITES ECO-FEEDS, INC. FOR SOLID WASTE VIOLATIONS

HONOLULU -- The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a notice and finding of violation and order against Eco-Feeds, Inc. for the operation of an open dump at its piggery operation. The dump contained non-edible waste consisting of pineapple tops, plastic utensils and containers, rubber truck seals, wood scrap and metal scrap, all of which were separated from edible food waste for swine meal.

The open dump violation occurred at 87-881 'Ili'ili Road, Wai'anae, O'ahu. The DOH issued a warning letter to the facility on May 11, 2007. Eco-Feeds, Inc. failed to respond to the warning letter and implement any corrective action. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$53,800 and ordered Eco-Feeds, Inc. to cease and desist from operating an open dump and to lawfully dispose of all solid waste. Eco-Feeds, Inc. may request a hearing to contest the allegations or order.

An open dump is an un-permitted solid waste disposal facility that is without environmental controls. Companies that generate solid waste are required by state law to properly dispose of solid waste at DOH-permitted solid waste facilities. Violators of state solid waste laws and regulations may be subject to administrative penalties of up to \$10,000 per day per violation.

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